

years ago which passed the House as the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA). I worked hand in hand with Members on both sides of the aisle to permanently authorize the LWCF when we passed the bipartisan John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation Management and Recreation Act (P.L. 116–9), in early 2019. I want to emphasize that a priority use of the LWCF funding, provided for in the enacted GAOA, is the consolidation of ownership and management of split estate federal and public lands, in appropriate circumstances such as that referred to in Section 1113, the “Chugach Region Land Study,” contained in P.L. 116–9 the “Dingell Act,” between willing private sector land owners and the United States, especially when such willing private sector land owners are Native American Tribes or Alaska Native Regional Corporations established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

It is important to clearly declare that the LWCF can, among and between willing parties, be used for this purpose of facilitating and executing recommended land exchanges per the Chugach Region Land Study provision, Section 1113 of the Dingell Act. This understanding and direction is completely consistent with that Act and the GAOA.

HONORING LELA HENDERSON-JONES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 18, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lela Henderson-Jones.

Lela Henderson-Jones was born March 11, 1970 to the late Robert and Lee Ethel Henderson in Tunica, MS. She is the eleventh of fourteen children (9 sisters and 5 brothers). Two siblings have preceded her in death but the remaining twelve continue to have a close relationship. She was a teenage mother, living in a poverty-stricken community with limited resources available. Today, whenever she gains the opportunity, she loves encouraging others to persevere regarding of what the circumstances may be.

Lela Henderson-Jones went to Rosa Fort High School in Tunica, Mississippi where she was in the top ten of her class. Before graduating high school, Lela was the mother of two children. Lela refused to allow her bad choices to affect her education. Once again, she is grateful for the support of her family that knew her potentials and wouldn't allow her to drop out of high school. She attended Northwest Community College to pursue a degree in nursing. One semester later, she left college to marry and raise her children. She realized that nursing is something she did not want to do. Lela spent years working in hotels to help support her family. She gained employment at the local factory (Pillowtex) in the town of Tunica.

In 1994, Lela and her family moved to Horn Lake, MS due to lack of housing in Tunica County. During this time, she was married, had three children (two girls and one son), and was about to give birth to another child. She commuted to Tunica daily to work and spend time with her parents. After the death of

her father and a brother, Lela obtained employment in Desoto County as a factory worker. After losing the desire for factory work and feeling unfulfilled, Lela made some major decision that would affect her role as a wife and a mother. She decided to return to college to work on a career.

Lela Henderson-Jones attended Northwest Community College to study sociology. She was employed by Tunica County School District as a Child Care Provider while attending Northwest. Her goal was to get back to Tunica. After her first year of college and help from her advisor, she decided to change her major to Social Work. She received her Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Mississippi. Mrs. Henderson-Jones obtained employment with Region One Mental Health Center as a Case Manager. This was the career path that she believed was her true calling in Tunica County. She had the opportunity of coordinating a Senior Program at Region One called “Silver Pathfinders.”

During her tenure with Region One Mental Health, Lela received her Master's in Social Work from Mississippi Valley State University. She received the position as County Coordinator that carried the roles of a certified therapist for individual and families, group therapist for anger management and A&D counselor, and case manager/ therapist for mobile Crisis.

Currently, she holds the position as Clinic Operations Assistant for Tunica County Healthcare Authority. She assists with the daily operation of the only two rural health clinics in Tunica County. She is a Board Member for Mid-State Opportunity (Community Action Agency), and a Board Member for Tunica County Community Development Coalition (TCCDC). She's on the ministerial staff at Holy Ghost Temple Church in Dundee, MS.

Lela Henderson-Jones credits all her achievements to God, her children (Camille, Damecos, Colundria, and Dijuan) and her family for supporting her and never giving up on her. She's dedicated to her community and the people in the community. Mrs. Jones is recognized for her services to her community and passion for her community and the people in the community is displayed daily.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lela Henderson-Jones for her dedication to serving her community and this great state.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF WARSAW

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 18, 2020*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring appropriate Congressional recognition to the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw.

In 1920 a young Polish Republic, that just regained independence after 123 years of foreign domination, faced an existential threat from a Soviet invasion. For Vladimir Lenin and the Soviet leadership, the conquest of Poland was to serve as a steppingstone for a Soviet advance into western Europe. On August 12, 1920, the Soviet Red Army began its assault upon Warsaw and for the next fifteen days,

the battle was fought not just for the future of the Polish Republic, but for all free societies in Europe. Under the unwavering leadership of Józef Piłsudski, the Polish army executed a brilliant counterattack and shattered the Red Army, forcing the Soviets to retreat. Lord DABernon, who was part of a British mission in Warsaw during the battle, wrote in the New York Times on its 10th anniversary that there were few incidents in the history of civilization of greater importance than the Battle of Warsaw. By winning the encounter, which since has been called “The Miracle on the Vistula,” the Polish army saved Poland and the rest of Europe from a Communist takeover and preserved freedom and democracy for millions. While we pay tribute to those who bravely fought to stop the Soviet invasion, it is important to recognize the role that was played in the battle by a group of 21 American pilots who formed a unit called the Kosciuszko Squadron and flew many missions during the battle providing critical aerial support to Polish ground forces.

Madam Speaker, please join me in tribute to the sacrifice, courage, and heart of the Polish forces who bravely defended their homeland during the Battle of Warsaw. This was a striking example how yearning for freedom, justice, and independence can motivate in times of great peril and while facing seemingly insurmountable odds. In August 1920, the Polish army along with the help of U.S. troops, saved Europe from an evil totalitarian dictatorship. Today, we should honor and celebrate the Polish soldiers who bravely fought not for just the freedom of their homeland, but for the liberty and justice for all. We should also use this opportunity to recognize the strong friendship between the United States and the Polish Republic, who has been a loyal ally in Europe for the last three decades.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MICHAEL “MIKE” M. PADDIE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 18, 2020*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Michael “Mike” M. Paddie a long-time resident of Warren, Texas, faithful educator, and servant of his community.

Mike was born on December 24, 1957 to Maurice and Lillian Paddie in Washington, D.C. Mr. Paddie was a long-time resident of Warren, Texas and spent over 40 years working for Warren Independent School District. Throughout the years he served the district in many capacities, as a teacher, coach, and counselor and most recently, as Assistant to the Superintendent. Mike oversaw at least a thousand students each year but was known for making each and every student feel valued and respected. He was loved by his former students, and many thought of him not only as a teacher and coach, but as a mentor, father figure, and dear friend.

Mike was also known as the “the voice of the Warren Warriors”, where he served as the announcer at the Warrior football games. In 2012, Warren ISD named the baseball and softball fields' press boxes after him in honor of his many years of service. The school district also has a scholarship named in Mr.